

# Governor Abbott Signs Legislation Restricting Municipal Fees For Removal Of Trees On Private Property

 [gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-signs-legislation-restricting-municipal-fees-for-removal-of](https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-signs-legislation-restricting-municipal-fees-for-removal-of)

Office of the Texas Governor | Greg Abbott

August 16, 2017 | Austin, Texas | [Press Release](#) | [Legislative](#)

Governor Greg Abbott today signed House Bill 7 (HB 7) to restrict overaggressive fees municipalities can charge for the removal of trees on private property. This bill also requires municipalities to offer tree planting credits to offset tree removal fees. Protecting private property rights in Texas was an important part of the Governor's special session call.

"Texas families that work hard for the dream of one day owning their own property should be able to do what they want with it," said Governor Abbott.

This bill is an important step toward protecting individual liberty from regulatory overreach by local governments, and allowing homeowners to be conservators of their land. I am thankful to the Texas legislature and to Sen. Lois Kolkhorst and Rep. Dade Phelan for their efforts in preventing Texans from being subject to burdensome fees regarding on their private property.

